

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3098 without my signature.

This bill would extend the pilot project for increased precinct size, but would add a new reporting requirement on barriers to voting for specified “protected classes” of voters for those local jurisdictions that want to participate.

Among many of the federal and state protections to voters to ensure their right to vote, the Federal Voting Rights Act ensures that voters may not be discriminated against because of race. The report required by this bill is unnecessary, redundant and may be costly.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger